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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2001, please consider the following remarks. Submitted with this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time, along with the required \$195.00 fee for a small entity, to extend the period for response two months, to and including September 13, 2001, and an Associate Power of Attorney. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$18.00, the fee for a small entity for two additional claims, to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.